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Helene Derand et al.

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Art Unit: 1753

For: MICROFLUIDIC SURFACES

Examiner: J. T. Brown

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The U.S. applications and patents cited on the PTO/SB/08 are applications and patents owned by the Assignee, Gyros AB. In addition, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent No. 6,444,451, U.S. Patent No. 6,596,238 and U.S. Patent No. 5,971,158, and EP-0176239, which is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,596,238.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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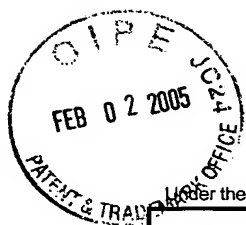
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Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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						Small Entity	
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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
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